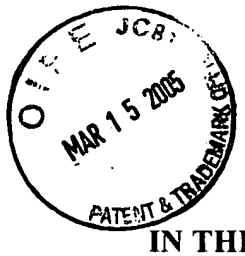

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 17, 2004 to March 17, 2005.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of $120.00 and/or all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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